1	2	3
24	Nanded	63
25	Parbhani	94
	SUB-TOTAL	343
	(GM Kalyan)	
26	Thane	0
	(GM Kolhapur)	
27	Kolhapur	27
	(GM Nagpur)	
28	Nappur	35
	(GM Pune)	
29	Pune	76
	TOTAL	1170

Postal services in Maharashtra

867. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all villages and important towns in Maharashtra have been provided with postal services;

(b) if not, the number of villages and towns separately where postal services are yet to be provided and the number of villages and towns where postal services have been provided; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase such services in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The postal facilities are being extended by opening of new post offices under Plan scheme progressively. During the first two years of the Eighth five Year Plan, 142 extra departmental branch post offices and 39 departmental sub post offices have been sanctioned in Maharashtra.

Improvement in communication system in Maharashtra

868. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMINICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plants to improve the telephone, post and telegraph services in Maharashtra with modern facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and